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### **Mayor Barrett and Chief Flynn Announce Grant Award to Increase Police Beat Patrols**

MILWAUKEE – Mayor Tom Barrett and Milwaukee Police Chief Edward A. Flynn announced today that the Milwaukee Police Department received a \$187,724 grant from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance to fund overtime for foot beat patrol officers. This program allows uniformed officers to walk the streets and work closely with citizens to prevent crime in their neighborhood.

“I am pleased that the Office of Justice Assistance has again helped fund the cost for these officers,” said Mayor Barrett. “The Beat Patrol program is an important initiative where officers are working face-to-face with members of the community to help prevent crime and improve our quality of life.”

The OJA grant will be directed to Milwaukee Police District 2, which encompasses the near South Side of the City of Milwaukee.

“Foot beat officers work closely with the communities they police to help residents gain control of their streets,” Chief Flynn said. “That visible presence makes people feel safe in their public spaces, which helps informal social controls to take root in neighborhoods.”